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Smallpox in Para.

Consul Louis H. Ayme reports, October 21, 1904, as follows:

This city seems likely to be afflicted with a severe visitation of smallpox.

Since October 1 there have been at least 29 well-established and reported cases. There were 4 deaths from the disease yesterday. The disease may at any moment become epidemic, although I believe that vigorous prophylactic and combative measures are being taken by the authorities. Should such epidemic occur, the Department will be informed by cable.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Report from Sao Paulo—Plague in Chile—Plague increasing in Rio.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, October 13, as follows:

During the week ended the 8th instant, the following vessels were inspected and issued bills of health from this office:

On the 3d instant, the ship *Canada*, British, for Gulfport, Miss., with no cargo, in stone ballast, with no passengers, and with 4 new members of the crew taken on in this port. This ship lay in the open bay while here, and a supply of vaccine was given to the captain before sailing.

On the 5th instant, the steamship *Byron*, British, for New York, N. Y., with a cargo of coffee, no change in the crew personnel while here, no members of crew ashore while here except the captain and doctor, with 11 first class and 12 steerage from this port.

On the 7th instant the steamship *Terence*, British, for New York, N. Y., with a cargo of coffee, no change in the personnel of ship while here, no one of the crew ashore except the captain, and with 6 first class and no steerage from this port.

On the 8th instant the British steamship *Firth of Dornoch*, for New York, N. Y., with a cargo of coffee, no one ashore except the captain, no passengers (but captain's wife and baby were traveling with the ship), no change in the personnel of crew while here. All vessels lay in the open bay while at this port.

No other ships left here for United States ports during the week under consideration.

In regard to plague at Bahia, I have the honor to report that on the 6th instant a new credit of 100 contas was given to pay the expenses of fighting the plague outbreak. One conta is, roughly speaking, equivalent to \$250 in our currency. A dispatch of date of the 12th instant states that on that date and on the preceding day, there had been no cases of bubonic plague in Bahia.

The prevalence of beriberi is shown by a dispatch of date of the 7th instant from Bahia, which states that on that date 90 privates of the army had been sent to Rio de Janeiro for treatment for beriberi acquired by them in the State of Amazonas.

A dispatch of date of the 6th instant from Bahia, says that on that date 10 persons, who were not natives of that State or city, had been sent to the hospital, attacked with beriberi.

A dispatch from Para, states that on the 7th instant there were in the hospital of that city 161 sick privates, and that on that date 3 of this number had died.